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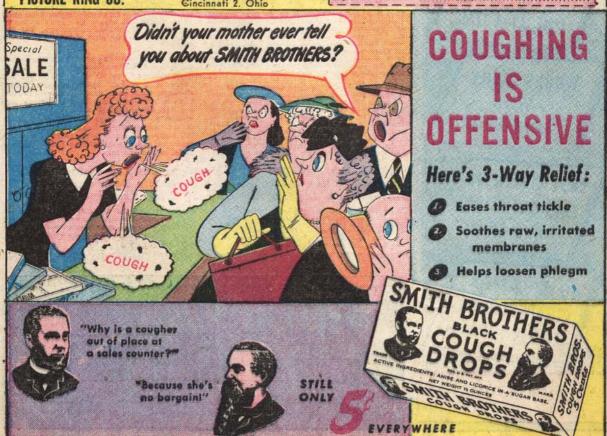
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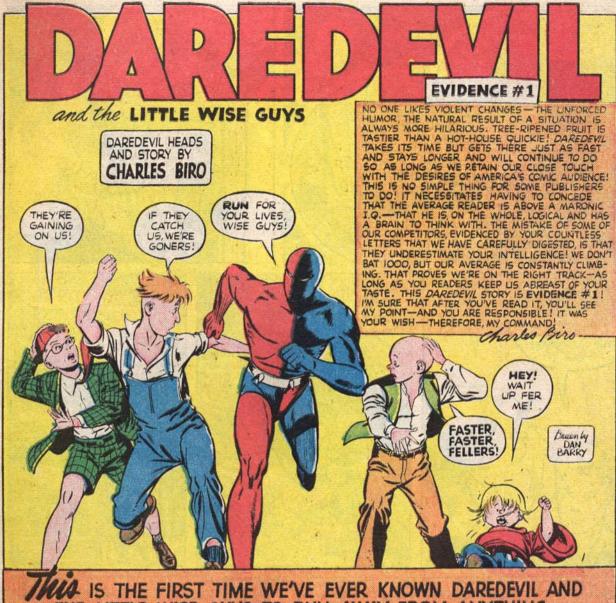


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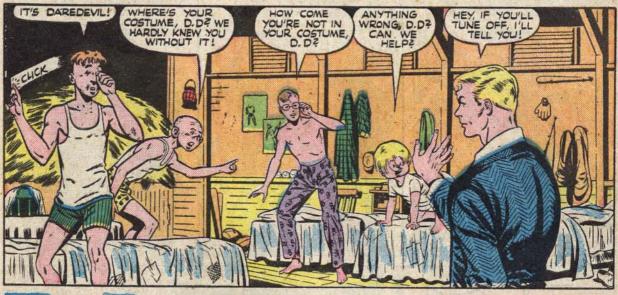


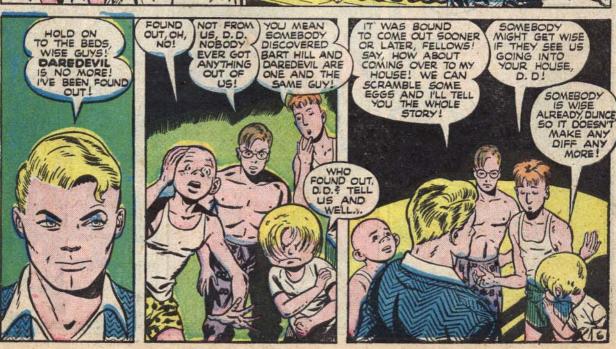
























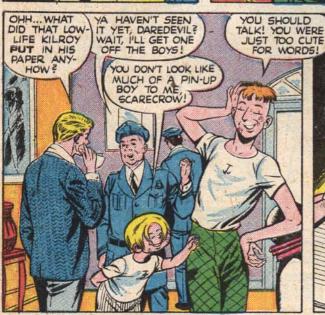




















































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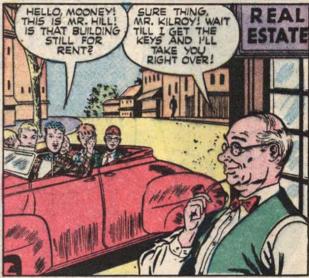














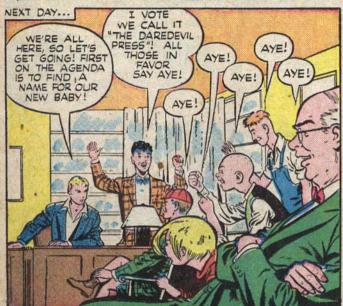






























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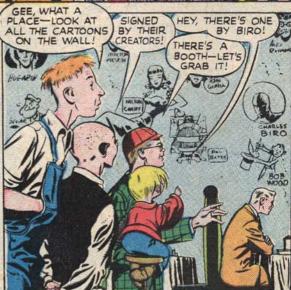










































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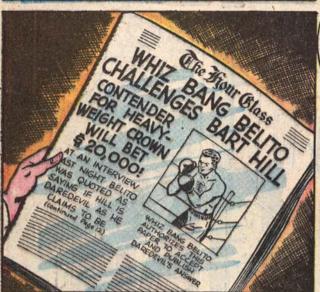


















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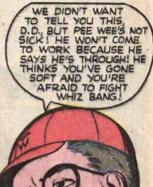


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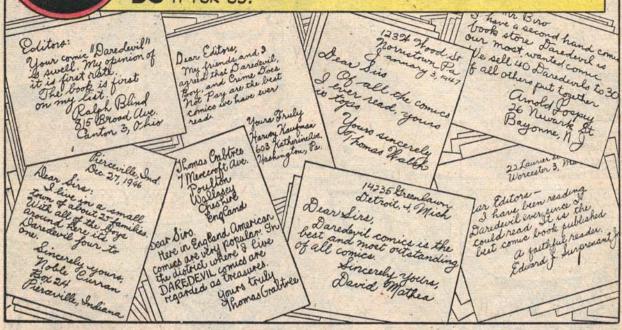


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I'M SEEING SOME-THING THAT'S MAKING ME PLENT MAD NOW! SO IT WAS WHIZ BANG'S DOINGS AFTER ALL!



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RIMEBUSTER's face was grim as he and Inspector Crandell, accompanied by several of Crandell's men, stepped off the elevator on the top floor of a swank apartment house.

"Remember, Crandell—this case is mine," said Crimebuster. "Signor Lamanna was a very close friend of mine. If this wasn't really an accident—!"

"Sure-sure," answered Crandell, as he rang the

bell outside the nearest door.

The door was opened in a moment by a pretty young girl of about eighteen. Her drawn, frightened face relaxed a bit at the sight of Crimebuster, and her eyes blinked in a vain effort to keep back the tears.

"Easy, Therese. Everything will be all right," said Crimebuster. He patted her shoulder reassuringly. "Inspector Crandell, this is Therese Manson, Signor Lamanna's favorite pupil—and my favorite singer."

The girl nodded briefly, and turned to Crimebuster. "I—I called you right away. I knew you'd

want to come. It's all-so terrible.'

Crimebuster took the girl's hand, and looked at her steadyingly for a moment. "Listen, Therese," he said, "we'll have to ask you a lot of questions, but we'll try to get it over with as soon as possible. You know how much I thought of the Professor. I'll do everything possible to help you. So be a good girl and hang onto yourself till it's over, will you?"

The girl made a visible effort to regain her selfcontrol. "I'll be all right, Come in—and meet Joe."

As they entered the long living room, a young man with a pale, contorted face jumped to his feet, his clothing hanging awry on his thin body.

"This is Joe Arens, my - my fiance," said

Therese Manson.

The young man stared wildly at the visitors. "I did it," he muttered: "No use denying it—I killed him! But I didn't mean to! He jumped on me—he tried to—"

"Relax, Arens," said Crimebuster, "You'll have plenty of time to tell your story. We'll just have a

look around first."

The boy fell back in his chair, trembling, as Crimebuster and Crandell turned to survey the room. Nothing seemed out of place, except a heavy poker lying in the center of the floor. But in front of the big stone fireplace lay the stocky, short body of Signor Francesco Lamanna.

Crimebuster stood silently over the remains of the great singing teacher for a moment. His bowed head concealed the pain in his eyes as he gazed at the handsome face of his old friend, now still and calm in death. He stared for a second at the ugly red gash just above the forehead in the great mane of white hair that had nodded encouragingly at so many aspiring young vocalists.

When he turned back to face Joe Arens, his face was cold. "All right, Arens," he said, "let's have

the story-from the beginning."

Arens crouched forward on the edge of his chair, and ran a shaking hand over his face. "I—I didn't mean to hurt him," he stammered. "It was an accident—"

Crimebuster's voice was sharp. "I said from the

beginning!"

Arens rose nervously, and faced Crimebuster where he stood near Therese Manson's chair. The young man looked at her for assurance, and began

slowly.

"Well, I came here about an hour ago to talk to him about us—about Therese and me," he said. "We—we wanted to get married, and since Mr. Lamanna was her guardian besides being her teacher, I thought I'd better see how he felt about it."

"Had you ever met the Professor before?"

Arens shook his head. "No, the first time I ever saw him was when he let me in. Well, I knew he wouldn't like the idea of Therese getting married, so I tried to break the news gently. I promised her I would." The girl nodded in assent.

"Mr. Lamanna sat at his desk and I stood in front of it," continued Arens. "I was too nervous to sit down. He must have guessed what I had come for. He just stared at me. So finally I blurted out

the truth."

Joe Arens pulled out a handkerchief and mopped his brow. "That's when the trouble started," he said. "Mr. Lamanna got so angry he turned white. He jumped to his feet, and ordered me to get out. I tried to make him listen, but it was no use. He started coming around the desk, as if to attack me, so I thought it would be best to leave, and I turned to go. And then it happened!"

Crimebuster frowned. "It? What? What hap-

pened?"

"Well, I—I heard him scream," stuttered Arens.
"He said, 'That ring! My ring—she gave it to you!"

And—and all of a sudden he jumped on my back! You see, he must have spotted this ring that Therese gave me—"

There was a sudden, sharp gasp from the girl on the couch. "But—but he couldn't—"

Crimebuster grasped the girl's shoulder, and looked straight into her eyes. "Please, Therese," he said. "Don't interrupt!"

Therese stared at him for a moment, and then turned her wide-eyed gaze at Joe Arens. She seemed to shrink back into her chair, but Arens was watching Crimebuster and took no notice.

"I guess he was jealous," he continued. "Anyway, he threw his arm around me from the back. I twisted away from him, trying not to hurt him. He was pretty old, you know, and I didn't want to injure him."

"Very commendable," murmured Crimebuster.

"Arens, I want to perform a little experiment. See that brass box by the fireplace? Bring it out here to the center of the room, will you?"

Arens, frowned, questioningly, then shrugged his shoulders as he moved to obey. He grasped the metal handles of the ornate box, and heaved. The box scraped across the floor an inch or two. The young man stared unbelievingly at the box, and tried again. This time it left the floor briefly, only to thump back immediately.

"Okay," said Crimebuster. "Go on with the story."

With a puzzled glance at the box, Arens continued. "Well, the rest happened so fast there's not much to tell. After I shook him off, Mr. Lamanna rushed to the fireplace and picked up that poker that's on the floor. He screamed something about killing me, and ran towards me. I—I was scared! I just—just closed my eyes and swung at him. I hit him, and I saw him fall against the fireplace. Then I tried to revive him, and I realized he was dead. It—it was awful."

Crimebuster interrupted. "All right—all right. Then you called Therese, she called me, and here we are. That's enough. Now let me reconstruct the story for you!"

As Crimebuster was speaking, Crandell nodded at one of his men, who silently picked up the poker and disappeared into another room.

"Your story is correct to start with," began Crimebuster. "You did come here to talk about Therese. But my guess is that you asked the Professor for money! You knew he was against her marrying and ruining her career, and you thought he'd pay to prevent it."

Arens' mouth dropped open. He tried to speak, but no words came.

"But you were wrong," continued Crimebuster implacably. "He refused, and then he told you to get out. So you decided to kill him."

As Crimebuster spoke, Crandell's men reappeared with the heavy poker, and whispered something in Crimebuster's ear.

In the momentary silence, Arens moaned. "No! No, it's not true! Therese, tell them it's not true!" The girl buried her face in her hands and refused to answer.

Crimebuster turned back to Arens, his face like stone; "So you killed him with this poker, didn't you, Arens? You said he attacked you with it—but there are no fingerprints on it! When you washed the blood off, you washed the prints off too! You killed him with this, and then arranged things to look as if his head struck the fireplace!"

Arens collapsed in his chair, moaning inarticulately, but Crimebuster went on calmly. "Do you know why I asked you to lift that box, Arens? Because the Professor used to do this with it!" Crimebuster flung the box to his shoulder, and lifted it above his head with one arm. "Lamanna was one of the strongest men I've ever known! He felt he had to be, to compensate for—for a weakness of his. So you threw him off! Why, he could have broken you in two, Arens!"

Arehs lifted a tear-stained face. "Please! Please don't send me to die," he pleaded. "I didn't mean it! Please!"

"You don't deserve any mercy," answered Crimebuster. "You're a cowardly murderer!" He beckoned to two of Crandell's men, who lifted Arens to his feet and started dragging him to the door. As he passed, Crimebuster stared at him for a moment, and then spoke.

"Before they take you away, Arens, you might as well know that your own ignorance convicted you. Professor Lamanna would never have tried to attack you with that poker and above all, he couldn't possibly have known you were wearing that ring. And every person in this room knew it but you! Luckily, Therese never told you the Professor's secret—but perhaps she'd like to tell you now!"

Therese Manson raised her tear streaked face to stare at the quivering killer, her eyes blazing. "Yes," she said, her voice wooden. "I'll tell you. I hope it haunts you forever! Signor Lamanna was—totally blind!"

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Dear Reader:

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CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

Dear Charles Biro:

I am 47 years old and this is the first letter of this kind I've ever written. I have a boy 14 years old, very talented in both music and art. As usual, where I used to read "Horatio Alger, Jr." Sonny reads all and any, "funnies." In fact, I have a magazine section in my store and he doesn't miss any of 'em.

Now—without appearing too sentimental (for a hard-boiled businessman) may I take this opportunity of thanking YOU for the MORAL thread which seems to me to run through every single one of your stories. Perhaps very few grown-ups have time or care to notice the thing which to me is apparent. Inside of you there is a desire to use your talents for the betterment of humanity. Few people realize the vast powers, or influence wielded by these "funnies" upon our boys and girls. It seems to be their literature, whether we like it or not.

May I say again that having read ALL the "funnies" in order to see what my boy was digesting, I find that you more than any of the others are using your influence subtly yet surely and expertly to point out to our young people—right and wrong—fair play, evils of drink—evils of "the wrong company." The littleness of "snobbery."

Trusting that the knowledge that people do understand and appreciate the probably thankless but nonetheless effective good that you are doing, that this knowledge may give you a desire TO KEEP ON and TO DO EVEN GREATER THINGS and assuring you that I firmly believe that one man like you (considering the millions of young lives which you touch) can do and has already done more to improve the cleanliness (inwardly) of our youth than perhaps a thousand preachers (and that's no slam at preachers for I'm a Baptist) I am thankfully and sincerely yours,

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Fred Howse, Provincial Hospital Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Your letter is among our chosen few.

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